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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: RECOMBINANT PROTEIN VARIANTS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2006, with a date for response of January 3, 2007, and pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. A request for a six month extension of time is being submitted in the accompanying papers.

It is believed that no additional fees are required for these submissions. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any additional fee is required or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency and/or credit any refund owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.